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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: REYNOLDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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1. DUE TO SHORT ADVANCE NOTICE AND BRAZILIAN CARNIVAL HOLIDAYS, IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED REFTEL. HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS MADE TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY UEKI FOR MARCH 9 AT 17:30. MINSTER UEKI WILL BE OUT OF BRASILIA DURING PERIOD MARCH 10 THOROUGH MARCH 12. HE PLANNED

TO LEAVE BRASILIA EARLIER ON MARCH 9, BUT WILL STAY UNTIL EVENING IF THE REYNOLDS GROUP CAN CHANGE THEIR SCHEDULE AND COME TO BRASILIA IN TIME FOR MARCH 9 APPOINTMENT. MINISTERS SEVERO GOMEZ AND SIMONSEN ARE ABSENT FROM BRASILIA THIS WEEK AND EMBASSY WILL CONTACT THEM REGARDING REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS ON MONDAY WHEN BOTH ARE SCHEDULED TO RETURN.

2. WE BELIEVE PROSPECTS FOR MEETING WITH SIMONSEN REASONABLY GOOD, SINCE MINISTER WILL BE IN TOWN MARCH 10-11. PROSPECTS FOR MEETING WITH SEVERO GOMES LESS PROMISING, SINCE HE WILL BE HERE ONLY MARCH 9 AND MORNING OF MARCH 10. ABILITY OF REYNOLDS TO ARRIVE MARCH 9 MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR GOMEZ APPOINTMENT ALTHOUGH MEETING BY NO MEANS ASSURED.

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3. HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE FOR ONE SUITE AND 7 SINGLES

AT HOTEL NACIONAL FOR NIGHTS MARCH 10 THROUGH MARCH 12
AS REQUESTED.

4. ACTION REQUEST: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER
REYNOLDS GROUP CAN MAKE MARCH 9 APPOINTMENT WITH
MINISTER UEKI AND POSSIBLY GOMEZ APPOINTMENT AND
EMBASSY WILL CONTACT HIS OFFICE OVER THE WEEKEND AND
REVISE HOTEL RESERVATIONS ACCORDINGLY.
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